

IV. REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered prior to examination of this application on the merits.

1. Summary of the Amendments

The specification has been amended on page 1, at lines 02 to 05, to include a statement of the benefits sought under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and 120.

Additionally, the specification has been amended to correct several informalities previously noted by the Examiner in the parent application. Specifically, on page 5, at line 04, the status of the recited U.S. patent application has been updated; on page 19, at line 02, the misspelling “oy” has been corrected to “or”; and on page 36, at line 3, a missing quotation mark has been corrected.

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 27-40 have been added. Accordingly, upon entry of the above amendments, Claims 27-40 will be pending for examination on the merits.

Support for Claims 27-36 is found, for example, on page 13, line 20 to page 15, line 13, in Table I on pages 16 to 18 (which specifies the carboxy-saccharide groups of formulas (i)-(iv) and the specific compounds of new Claims 30, 32, 34 and 36), and in Claim 15 as originally filed.

Support for Claims 37-39 is found, for example, on page 15, lines 14 to 19, and in Claims 21 and 22 as originally filed.

Support for Claim 40 is found, for example, on page 15, lines 20 to 25, and in Claim 25 as originally filed.

Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003, entitled *AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED*, Applicants respectfully request that the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 be waived for the present amendments since these amendments are believed to comply with the revised amendment format set forth the OG announcement. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

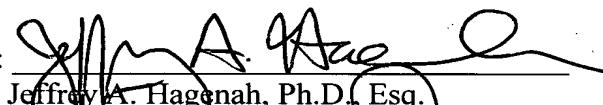
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Early examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested. Should there be any issues regarding this application that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 808-6406.

Respectfully submitted,

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